



31st Annual Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written WordSM

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The following is a list of the confirmed authors for this year's Southern Festival of Books. We will continue to update this list weekly until Festival weekend, October 11-13, 2019.

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- **Karen Abbott** *The Ghosts of Eden Park: The Bootleg King, the Women Who Pursued Him, and the Murder that Shook Jazz Age America*
 - **Elliot Ackerman** *Places and Names: On War, Revolution, and Returning*
 - **Brian Allison** *Notorious Nashville*
 - **Sybil Baker** *While You Were Gone*
 - **Derrick Barnes** *King of Kindergarten*
 - **Mark Barr** *Watershed: A Novel*
 - **James L. Barry** *Warriors: SkyClan and the Stranger*
 - **Louis Bayard** *Courting Mr. Lincoln: A Novel*
 - **Cassie Beasley** *The Bootlace Magician*
 - **Melanie Benjamin** *Mistress of the Ritz: A Novel*
 - **Jenn Bennett** *The Lady Rogue*
 - **Betsy Bird** *The Great Santa Stakeout*
 - **Andrea Bobotis** *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt: A Novel*
 - **Belle Boggs** *The Gulf: A Novel*
 - **Vanessa Brantley-Newton** *King of Kindergarten*
 - **Gaylord Brewer** *The Feral Condition*
 - **Bill Brown** *The Cairns*
 - **Paul Brown** *Rufus: James Agee in Tennessee*
 - **Marina Budhos** *The Long Ride*
 - **Marcia Butler** *Pickle's Progress: A Novel*
 - **Anne Byrn** *Skillet Love: From Steak to Cake, More than 150 Recipes in One Cast-Iron Pan*
 - **David Cady** *Religion of Fear: The True Story of the Church of God of the Union Assembly*
 - **Anders Carlson-Wee** *The Low Passions: Poems*
 - **Casey Cep** *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*
 - **Adam Chandler** *Drive-Thru Dreams: A Journey Through the Heart of America's Fast Food Kingdom*
 - **Allen Cheney** *Crescendo: The Story of a Musical Genius Who Forever Changed a Southern Town*
 - **Brock Clarke** *Who Are You, Calvin Bledsoe?*
 - **Ally Condie** *The Beast (The Darkdeep)*
 - **Tara Conklin** *The Last Romantics: A Novel*
 - **Dave Connis** *Suggested Reading*
 - **Sandy Coomer** *Available Light: Poems*
 - **John Coykendall** *Preserving Our Roots: My Journey to Save Seeds and Stories (The Southern Table)*
 - **Michael Croley** *Any Other Place: Stories*
 - **Jennine Capo Crucet** *My Time Among the Whites: Notes from an Unfinished Education*
 - **Jim Dahlman** *A Familiar Wilderness: Searching for Home on Daniel Boone's Road*
 - **Kate Daniels** *In the Months of My Son's Recovery: Poems*
 - **Cara Dees** *Exorcism Lessons in the Heartland*
 - **Helene Dunbar** *We Are Lost and Found*
 - **Chris Edmonds** *No Surrender: A Father, A Son, and an Extraordinary Act of Heroism that Continues to Live on Today*
 - **J.T. Ellison** *The Last Second*
 - **Jelani M. Favors** *Shelter in a Time of Storm: How Black Colleges Fostered Generations of Leadership and Activism*
 - **Rea Frey** *Because You're Mine: A Novel*
 - **Laura Gehl** *Except When They Don't*
 - **Carrie Gibson** *El Norte: The Epic and Forgotten Story of Hispanic North America*

- **Elizabeth Goetsch** *Lost Nashville*
- **Barry Goheen** *Miracles and Memorial Magic: A Memoir of the Vanderbilt Commodores, 1987-1989*
- **Judy Goldman** *Together: A Memoir of a Marriage and a Medical Mishap*
- **Debra Goldstein** *Two Bites Too Many*
- **Anissa Gray** *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*
- **Shannon Greenland** *Scouts*
- **Cameron Dezen Hammon** *This is My Body: A Memoir of Religious and Romantic Obsession*
- **Jessica Handler** *The Magnetic Girl: A Novel*
- **Jeff Hardin** *A Clearing Space in the Middle of Being*
- **Rebecca Hazelton** *Gloss*
- **Jessica Chiccehitto Hindman** *Sound Like Titanic: A Memoir*
- **Doug Hoekstra** *Unopened*
- **Erin Hoover** *Barnburner*
- **Scott Huler** *A Delicious Country: Rediscovering the Carolinas along the Route of John Lawson's 1700 Expedition*
- **Scott Hylbert** *Task Lyst*
- **Pico Iyer** *A Beginner's Guide to Japan: Observations and Provocations*
- **RJ Jacobs** *And Then You Were Gone: A Novel*
- **Kimberly Jones** *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight*
- **Saeed Jones** *How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir*
- **River Jordan** *Confessions of a Christian Mystic*
- **Joy Jordan-Lake** *A Crazy-Much Love*
- **Diane Kelly** *Dead as a Doorknocker*
- **Doug Kershaw** *The Ragin Cajun: Memoir of A Louisiana Man*
- **Michael Knight** *At Briarwood School for Girls: A Novel*
- **J. Kasper Kramer** *The Story That Cannot Be Told*
- **Amanda Little** *The Fate of Food: What We'll Eat in a Bigger, Hotter, Smarter World*
- **Steve Luxenberg** *Separate: The Story of Plessy v. Ferguson, and America's Journey from Slavery to Segregation*
- **Mike Magee** *Code Blue: Inside America's Medical Industrial Complex*
- **Kerri Maniscalco** *Capturing the Devil*
- **Sarah McCoy** *Marilla of Green Gables: A Novel*
- **Gillian McDunn** *Caterpillar Summer*
- **Kristen Meinzer** *So You Want to Start a Podcast: Finding Your Voice, Telling Your Story, and Building a Community That Will Listen*
- **Christina Melton** *Preserving Our Roots: My Journey to Save Seeds and Stories (The Southern Table)*
- **Jonathan Metz** *Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing America's Heartland*
- **Thorpe Moeckel** *Down by the Eno, Down by the Haw: A Wonder Almanac*
- **Rosalie Moffett** *Nervous System*
- **Otessa Moshfegh** *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*
- **Erin Byers Murray** *Grits: A Cultural and Culinary Journey Through the South*
- **Rob Newton** *Seeking the South: Finding Inspired Regional Cuisines*
- **Maury Nicely** *Hoffa in Tennessee: The Chattanooga Trial that Brought Down an Icon*
- **Susan Nieman** *Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil*
- **Patrick O'Daniel** *Crusaders, Gangsters, and Whiskey: Prohibition in Memphis*
- **David Olney** *Sonnets*
- **Julie Orringer** *The Flight Portfolio: A Novel*
- **Michael Parker** *Prairie Fever*
- **Ann Patchett** *The Dutch House: A Novel*
- **Lynne Patterson** *Taproots of Tennessee: Historic Sites and Timeless Recipes*
- **Chris Pavone** *The Paris Diversion: A Novel*
- **Cathie Pelletier** *Proving Einstein Right: The Daring Expeditions that Changed How We Look at the Universe*
- **Mary Laura Philpott** *I Miss You When I Blink: Essays*
- **Samatha Power** *The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir*
- **Christina Proenza-Coles** *American Founders: How People of African Descent Established Freedom in the New World*
- **Brendan Reichs** *The Beast (DarkDeep)*
- **Margaret Renkl** *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*
- **Kim Michele Richardson** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
- **JR Ripley** *Towhee Get Your Gun*

...and many more!

- **Clay Risen** *The Crowded Hour: Theodore Roosevelt, the Routh Riders, and the Dawn of the American Century*
- **Melissa Rivero** *The Affairs of the Falcons: A Novel*
- **Thuy Rocco** *The Last Surviving Child: A Memoir*
- **Esteban Rodriguez** *Dusk and Dust: Poems*
- **Heidi Ross** *Nashville: Scenes from the New American South*
- **Maurice Carlos Ruffin** *We Cast a Shadow: A Novel*
- **Judy Schachner** *Stretchy McHandsome*
- **Jeremy Scott** *The Ables*
- **Gilly Segal** *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight*
- **Samia Serageldin** *Mothers and Strangers: Essays on Motherhood from the New South*
- **Dani Shapiro** *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*
- **George Singleton** *Staff Picks: Stories*
- **Courtney C. Stevens** *Four, Three, Two, One*
- **Jamie Sumner** *Roll With It*
- **Mark Teague** *Fly*
- **Jaden Terrell** *Trouble Most Faire*
- **Paul Theroux** *On the Plane of Snakes: A Mexican Road Trip*
- **Paul Tough** *The Years That Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us*
- **Maggie Toussaint** *Dreamed It*
- **Dan Veach** *Lunchboxes*
- **Karen Thompson Walker** *The Dreamers: A Novel*
- **Christina Ward** *American Advertising Cookbooks: How Corporations Taught Us to Love Bananas, Spam, and Jello-O*
- **Julia Watts** *Quiver: A Novel*
- **Heather Webb** *Ribbons of Scarlet: A Novel of the French Revolution's Women*
- **Kory Wells** *Sugar Fix*
- **Ben Westhoff** *Fentanyl, Inc.: How Rogue Chemists Are Creating the Deadliest Wave of the Opioid Epidemic*
- **Bonnie Smith Whitehouse** *Afoot and Lighthearted: A Journal for Mindful Walking*
- **Deborah Wiles** *Anthem (1969)*
- **Evan Williams** *Ripples*
- **Brenda Wineapple** *The Impeachers: The Trial of Andrew Johnson and the Dream of a Just Nation*
- **Alexi Zentner** *Copperhead: A Novel*
- **George Zepp** *Hidden History of Nashville*